

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND INFORMATIONAL HEARING AND INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0063878-03-0

Permittee: Roth Feeder Pig Inc, 31961 Hummingbird Ln, Wauzeka, WI, 53826

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Roth Feeder Pig Inc, SEQ SWQ T7N R4W Section 2, Town of Wauzeka, Crawford County

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the City of Boscobel-Wisconsin River Watershed and Lower Wisconsin River Basin

The owner of this facility has also submitted a separate WPDES permit application for a new swine CAFO facility called Roth Feeder Pig II. Roth Feeder Pig II is proposed to be built in Marietta Township and that application will be processed through a completely separate action.

Brief Facility Description : Roth Feeder Pig Inc. is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) owned and operated by Howard (AV) Roth. The operation maintains a herd size of 1,667 mixed animal units, consisting of 2,900 sows, 3,650 gilts, 150 growers, 20 boars, 60 beef cows and 60 calves. All swine are 100% confined, and all swine manure is stored beneath animal housing. A roofed building with concrete flooring is used for composting mortalities. The operation also raises 60 beef cow and calf pairs on pastures surrounding the hog facility. These animals are brought to an open lot in the production area for sorting and remain there for approximately 2-4 weeks out of the year. There is another open lot in the production area designated for sick cows in this herd. These lots will be evaluated and monitored as required by the WPDES permit.

Roth Feeder Pig, Inc. has at least 401 days of storage for liquid manure and process wastewater and at least 59 days of storage for solid manure. The department has conditionally approved the Nutrient Management Plan for Roth Feeder Pig Inc. The operation currently has 489.1 acres (303.5 owned and 183.6 controlled through contracts, rental agreements or leases, or under manure agreements) of which 455.8 are spreadable acres. Roth Feeder Pig Inc. will annually generate approximately 3,098,152 gallons of manure and process wastewater and 240 tons of solid manure in the first year of the permit term.

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be reissued. This WPDES permit action is an integrated analysis action under NR 150.20(2), Wis. Adm. Code, and does not require a separate action under NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Claire O'Connell, 1500 N Johns St, Dodgeville, WI, 53533, (608) 963-1463, Claire.OConnell@wisconsin.gov

Informational Hearing Date, Time, and Location:

May 24, 2021, 1:00pm, Virtual Hearing using Zoom. If you want to attend the hearing, please fill out the registration form at the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwud-yvrjIuE9cvIjHJslznk0YGPgdzi24Y>

The Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to Section 283.49, Wisconsin Statutes, has scheduled a public informational hearing for the purpose of giving all interested persons an opportunity to make a statement with respect to the proposed permit action, the terms of the nutrient management plan, and the application for this operation.

The hearing officer will conduct the hearing in an orderly fashion and will use procedures specified in Subchapter II of ch. NR 203, Wis. Adm. Code, necessary to insure broad public participation in the hearing.

The hearing officer will open the hearing and make a concise statement of the scope and purpose of the hearing and shall state what procedures will be used during the course of the hearing. The hearing officer shall explain the method of notification of the final decision to grant or deny the permit and the methods by which the decision may be reviewed in a public adjudicatory hearing.

The hearing officer may place limits on individual oral statements to insure an opportunity for all persons present to make statements in a reasonable period of time and to prevent undue repetition. The hearing officer may also limit the number of representatives making oral statements on behalf of any person or group.

Informational and clarifying questions and oral statements shall be directed through the hearing officer. Cross-examination shall not be allowed.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, the terms of the nutrient management plan, or the application, are invited to do so by attending the public hearing or by submitting any comments or objections in writing to the Department of Natural Resources, at the above named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received from members of the public no later than 7 days following the date of this public hearing will be used, along with other information on file and testimony presented at the hearing, in making a final determination. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision regarding permit coverage. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination.

Information on this permit action may be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (608) 963-1463 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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